

I am concerned about negative effect that media consolidation will have on the public. Sinclair Broadcasting's plans compelling their stations to broadcast an anti-Kerry documentary only days before the presidential election election is prime example of this.

The public airwaves are used by Sinclair Broadcasting at no charge, and the company is, therefore, obligated by law to serve the public interest. I am extremely skeptical that this kind of behavior reflects anything but the political interests of the Broadcaster's ownership and certainly not the public interest. It is hardly credible that this documentary in question can reasonably be considered "news" given the context of the timing and the nature of the piece.

This is a stark example of why it is imperative that ownership rules not be further relaxed.